

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 05341 062001Z

51

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 IO-14 ISO-00 EURE-00 CIAE-00 PM-07 INR-10 L-03

NEA-10 NSAE-00 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 USIA-15

TRSE-00 SAJ-01 SS-20 NSC-10 H-03 ACDA-19 AEC-11

AECE-00 OMB-01 OIC-04 EB-11 DRC-01 /175 W

----- 048142

P R 061815Z NOV 73

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2530

SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

USMISSION GENEVA

S E C R E T USNATO 5341

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: NOVEMBER 5 SPC DISCUSSION OF PRE-REDUCTION MEASURES
VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

SUMMARY: SPC DISCUSSION FURTHER UNDERLINED UK OPPOSITION TO PRE-REDUCTION STABILIZING MEASURES AND INCREASED PRESSURE ON FRG TO JUSTIFY THEM. FRG REP PREDICTED HE WOULD HAVE EXTENSIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT BEFORE NOVEMBER 8 SPC MEETING. UK REP EXPRESSED SURPRISE OVER FACT THAT AD HOC GROUP SPOKESMAN IN VIENNA HAD MENTIONED SPECIFIC PRE-REDUCTION MEASURES TO THE PRESS ON OCTOBER 31. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 4 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. UK REP (LOGAN) SAID THAT HE HAD DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING MEASURES LISTED IN PARA 23, C-M(73)83 AS PRE-REDUCTION STEPS PER SE, SINCE SUCH MEASURES WOULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR ENTIRE MBFR PROCESS AND ARE NOT READILY SEPARABLE FROM MEASURES
SECRET

PAGE 02 NATO 05341 062001Z

TO ACCOMPANY OR FOLLOW REDUCTIONS. IN FACT, UK WANTED MEASURES TO APPLY THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS, IN ORDER TO PLACE AS MANY DURABLE CONSTRAINTS ON SOVIETS AS POSSIBLE. ITALIAN REP ACCEPTED ENTIRELY BRITISH POSITION ON

PRE-REDUCTION MEASURES AS OUTLINED IN LENGTHY UK STATEMENT
AT OCTOBER 26 SPC MEETING (USNATO 5205).

2. IN RESPONSE TO CANADIAN INQUIRY ABOUT FORM OF AGREEMENT
FOR UK ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL THAT MBFR PARTICIPANTS AGREE NOT TO
INCREASE THEIR FORCES IN NGA WHILE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY,
UK REP SAID THAT HE FAVORED A SIMPLE DECLARATION EARLY IN
NEGOTIATIONS. UK WISHED TO AVOID SPENDING
MUCH TIME NEGOTIATING A DETAILED DECLARATION.

3. SPC CHAIRMAN KASTL URGED COMMITTEE TO REACH DECISION BY
NOVEMBER 8 MEETING ON ALLIANCE APPROACH TO PRE-REDUCTION MEAS-
URES, SINCE ALLIED NEGOTIATORS IN VIENNA WOULD SURELY BE FACING IN-
QUIRES FROM THE OTHER SIDE IN VERY NEAR FUTURE. KASTL AND
UK REP NOTED WITH SURPRISE REPORTS THAT AD HOC GROUP SPOKESMAN
HAD MENTIONED SPECIFIC PRE-REDUCTION MEASURES TO THE PRESS.

4. COMMENT: MISSION RECOGNIZES THAT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS
CURRENT REVIEW OF STABILIZING MEASURES (STATE 213250), WASH-
INGTON MAY WISH TO EXAMINE MORE DETAILED GERMAN POSITION,
WHICH FRG DEL EXPERTS TO CIRCULATE THIS WEEK, BEFORE PROVIDING
UPDATED GUIDANCE ON PRE-REDUCTION MEASURES. IF POSSIBLE,
HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON SPECIFIC UK PROPOSAL
(PARA 12, USNATO 5205) FOR PRE-REDUCTION DECLARATION ON NON-
INCREASE OF FORCES, WHICH UK SUGGESTS IN LIEU OF MEASURES IN
PARA 23. SEVERAL ALLIES ARE EAGER TO FIND WAYS OF ASSOCIATING
THEMSELVES WITH MBFR, AND WASHINGTON SHOULD DECIDE SOON
WHETHER IT COULD AGREE TO JOIN IN PROPOSING SUCH A DECLARATION.
MISSION IS CONCERNED THAT SUCH A MEASURE COULD BECOME A
TIME-CONSUMING ROADBLOCK TO A REDUCTION AGREEMENT AND COULD
HAVE SOME INHIBITING EFFECT ON FORCE IMPROVEMENTS. IT
MIGHT, ALSO ENCOURAGE CERTAIN ALLIES TO CALL FOR PRE-
REDUCTION INSPECTION MEASURES TO VERIFY WP FORCE LEVELS - PER-
HAPS TOGETHER WITH DEMANDS FOR GREATER ACCESS TO INFORMATION
OBTAINED THROUGH NATIONAL MEANS.
ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS MEASURE WOULD SATISFY ALLIED
DESIRE (USNATO 5180) TO HAVE SOME PRE-REDUCTION MEASURE TO
SECRET

PAGE 03 NATO 05341 062001Z

TEST SOVIET INTENTIONS AND PROVIDE A VEHICLE FOR THEIR PARTI-
CIPATION IN MBFR FIRST PHASE. UK HAS ALSO ARGUED HERE
THAT REACHING AGREEMENT TO SUCH A DECLARATION, ALTHOUGH IT
WOULD NEED TO BE CAREFULLY WORDED, WOULD BE MUCH LESS COMPLI-
CATED THAN REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE SPECIFIC MEASURES
LISTED IN PARA 23. IF WASHINGTON DESIRES TO HAVE FULLER BACK-
GROUND PRIOR TO MAKING DECISION, WE COULD ASK UK DELEGATION HERE
TO PROVIDE US PRIVATELY WITH FULLER DETAILS ON HOW THEY WOULD
NEGOTIATE SUCH A DECLARATION AND, IF AVAILABLE, TO SHOW US AN
ILLUSTRATIVE TEXT. END COMMENT.
MCAULIFFE

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 02 APR 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 06 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: mcintyresh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973NATO05341
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731165/abqceddk.tel
Line Count: 109
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: mcintyresh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: WITHDRAWN <12-Jul-2001 by boyleja, REFER TO DOD>; RELEASED <06-Aug-2001 by mcintyresh>; APPROVED <06-Aug-2001 by mcintyresh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MBFR: NOVEMBER 5 SPC DISCUSSION OF PRE-REDUCTION MEASURES VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR
TAGS: PARM, NATO
To: STATE
SECDEF INFO BONN
LONDON
VIENNA
GENEVA
Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005